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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA/PAN AM ROUTE SWAP

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SUMMARY. PAN AM/TOKYO HAS RECEIVED SCHEDULES FOR NEW TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE, AND WE PLAN FILE THESE WITH GOJ ON FEB 7 UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. END SUMMARY.

1. PAN AM/TOKYO RECEIVED SCHEDULES FROM PAN AM/NY FOR NEW TRANS-PACIFIC ROUTE ON FEB. 6. PROPOSED SERVICE IS SAN FRANCISCO TO HONG KONG VIA GUAM, NAHA, AND TAIPEI, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, FOR OPERATION THREE TIMES WEEKLY BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND APRIL 9 AND FOUR TIMES WEEKLY THEREAFTER. EMBASSY HAD ALREADY INFORMED FONOFF (WHICH IN TURN NOTIFIED JCAB) THAT TRANSFER OF PACIFIC SERVICES FROM TWA TO PAN AM WAS EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON OR ABOUT MARCH 2. IT ALSO HAD INFORMED FONOFF THAT NEW PAN AM SCHEDULES WOULD BE FILED MOMENTARILY. WE EXPLAINED SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE SURROUNDING ROUTE SWAP AND, WHILE REGRETTING RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOJ WOULD BE UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATIVE IN EXTENDING ITS APPROVAL TO THE ARRANGEMENT. EMBASSY ALSO NOTED TO FONOFF THAT PAN AM IS ALREADY DESIGNATED ON US ROUTE 2 AND ADVISED THAT WE THEREFORE

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DO NOT EXPECT TO MAKE ANY FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF ROUTE

CHANGE BEYOND SUBMISSION OF PAN AM SCHEDULES. IF GOJ DETERMINES THAT FURTHER USG ACTION REQUIRED, WE URGED FONOFF TO SO INFORM EMBASSY ASAP.

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT REFTEL CONSTITUTES ITS AUTHORITY TO FILE NEW PAN AM SCHEDULE DESCRIBED ABOVE. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS FEB. 7 TOKYO TIME, EMBASSY WILL FILE THIS SCHEDULE WITH STANDARD WORDING THAT USG HAS REVIEWED INTENDED SCHEDULE CHANGES AND INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO FILE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED PROCEDURES.

3. JCAB HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF TWA/PAN AM ROUTE SWAP IN RELATION TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNED JUNE 17, 1971. PARA 3 OF MOU ESTABLISHES FIVE-YEAR QTE NO CHARGE UNQTE PERIOD FOR TRAFFIC RIGHTS OF US CARRIERS THEN SERVING NAHA. WHILE TWA SERVICES ARE SPECIFIED IN MOU, NO PAN AM SERVICES INCLUDED SINCE IT WAS NOT FLYING TO NAHA AT THAT TIME. WHILE IT NOT CERTAIN GOJ WILL PRUSUE THIS ISSUE, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT PREPARE GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY TO PRECLUDE ANY DELAYS.
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